



Maine AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Vitamin Policy

Background:

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is a federally funded program to provide life-saving medications to people living with HIV (PLWH). The Maine ADAP is managed through the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (MeCDC), HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Program.

Maine's ADAP provides assistance in the form of prescription medication purchase, as well as payment assistance to cover the costs of health insurance premiums, deductibles, and prescription co-pays.

The ADAP now covers vitamins as part of the formulary. Due to concerns of vitamin – drug interaction the ADAP requires a prescription before paying for vitamins.

Maine ADAP Vitamin Policy Overview:

1. The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) has expanded the formulary to include vitamins.
2. Vitamins can only be accessed with a prescription. Coverage happens right at the pharmacy.
3. If vitamins are not purchased through a pharmacy, clients may submit the receipts to ADAP for reimbursement with a prescription or medical provider's note.
4. Clients will be reimbursed at the usual ADAP rate which may not be the full cost of the vitamins.

1. Through the pharmacy:

Vitamins can be purchased through the pharmacy with a prescription and ADAP will pay their portion directly at the pharmacy. This works the same way as accessing other ADAP medications.

2. Reimbursement:

If a client chooses to purchase vitamins at store other than a pharmacy they may submit their receipts to ADAP for reimbursement with a prescription or medical providers note only. We will not reimburse for vitamins without a prescription. The prescription / note will be kept on file for one year, after that the client needs to obtain a new prescription from their provider. Clients will be reimbursed at the usual ADAP rate which may not be the full cost of the vitamins